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BOSTON — Today the Baker-Polito administration announced the award of more than \$300,000 in Apprenticeship Expansion Grants. These grants will support the expansion of apprenticeships into the new industries of manufacturing, healthcare, and technology.

“The apprenticeship expansion program is critical to helping Massachusetts bring workers into our economy that meet the skills requirements of our high demand job categories,” said **Secretary Rosalin Acosta** of the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development. “Awarding these grants is a step in the right direction of modernizing our apprenticeship programs to meet the needs of a 21st workforce.”

The first section of the grant line item will support tuition costs for eligible apprenticeship programs that are already registered in our state. The second section will support three different activities: a review and overhaul of pre-apprenticeship guidelines and outreach to potential new pre-apprenticeship programs, the establishment of a new statewide manufacturing apprenticeship sponsor entity; and the establishment of a new early education and care apprenticeship model in Central Massachusetts.

Apprenticeship Expansion Grants are intended to cover one year of programming for the awardees.

2019 Apprenticeship Expansion Grant Awardees:

Apprenti - \$65,000 - Apprenti, the Commonwealth’s first registered apprentice program in tech, will use this grant to support 12 apprentices in software development roles.

Boston Emergency Medical Services - \$95,000 - Boston EMS will receive \$95,000 to support 19 apprentices in Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) roles.

MassHire Central Region Workforce Board - \$30,451.71 - Through the City of Worcester, the MassHire Central Region Workforce Board will use this grant to establish a new early education and care apprenticeship model in Central Massachusetts.

Northeast Advanced Manufacturing Consortium and Massachusetts Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MassMEP) - \$70,000 - Through the City of Salem, the Northeast

Advanced Manufacturing Consortium and MassMEP will use this grant to establish a statewide sponsor entity for manufacturing apprenticeships.

Rebekah Lashman Consulting - \$50,000 - Rebekah Lashman Consulting will receive \$50,000 to review pre-apprenticeship guidelines and standards, and to perform outreach to potential new pre-apprenticeship programs.

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